

latter years, and who served in the Revolution as Lieutenant, brevetted Captain. If the Pennsylvania Archives list the services of two Stewart Herbert's, it is difficult, if not impossible, to tell where the record of one stops and the other begins. Therefore, the early history of Hagerstown's Stewart Herbert must remain uncertain, although the presence of a printer of that name in Lancaster, in 1774, is an argument for the Pennsylvania origins of this pioneer printer of Western Maryland.

Herbert was an ambitious printer, "full of work" as Scharf puts it⁸. On June 18, 1790, he published the first issue of his newspaper, the Washington Spy. Only six months later, he issued proposals for publishing a book, An Essay on Honour, by John Hildrop⁹. The price of this book was to be 3s, 9d,

one half (the printer being devoid of a large capital) to be paid at subscribing, the other half at the delivery of the essay.¹⁰

Subscriptions were to be taken in Carlisle, Lancaster, York, Chambersburg and Greensburg, by merchants and printers. An Essay on Honour was not ready for publication, however, until October at the earliest¹¹; and it is to another publication, an octavo pamphlet of

⁸ Scharf, J.T. op. cit. v. 2, p. 1141.

⁹ Appendix A. Imprint bibliography, item 15.

¹⁰ Washington spy. January 6, 1791.

¹¹ Ibid. October 12, 1791.